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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to the payment of the issue fee on June 22, 2004, and a telephone conference with Examiner Joseph Chang, claims 9 and 17 are amended to further define the claimed "value of M/N."

The support for the added language is found on page 7, lines 23-24 of the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment be entered prior to the issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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